

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 are allowed. Claims 4-7 were rejected.

Claims 1-3 were objected to because of the following informalities:

The word "second" before "complementary memory cells" (claim 1, page 6, line 11) should be "third" and the word "third" before "and forth complementary memory cells" (claim 1, page 6, line 12) should be "second" according to Fig. 6. These amendments have been made to claim 1. It is submitted that these amendments overcome the objections and withdrawal of these objections is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the limitations of claim 4 read "the first and third bitlines" and "the second and fourth bitlines" in line 10 and 11, respectively. These claims have been amended to recite "the first and a third bitline," and "the second and a fourth bitlines." It is submitted that these amendments overcome the rejection and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

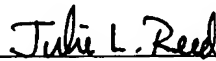
Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kohno, et al. These claims have been canceled by this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 are allowed and claims 4-5 are now in allowable form. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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